

8th Annual 5 A Day Mini-Grants!

Have an idea for a project that will increase consumption of fruits and vegetables among a certain group of Montanans? The Montana Nutrition and Physical Activity Program of the Department of Public Health & Human Services is partnering with Eat Right Montana Coalition to award 5 A Day mini-grants for such projects. Applicants are eligible for up to a \$1000 award, and the total amount available in 2006-2007 is \$7000.

Mini-grant applications must be received (in hand) by 5 p.m. December 15, 2006.

Send the completed application to: Lynn Hellenga MS, RD, Nutrition Coordinator, Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, Montana State University, HHD PO Box 173360 Bozeman, MT 59717-3360 or e-mail application to LHellenga@Montana.edu by December 15. We will notify you in early January 2007 whether we can fund your project, but funds may not be disbursed until February. **Projects must be completed by June 1, 2007**.

This is what we're looking for when selecting the projects to fund:

- Clear and complete description of the proposed project.
- Main focus on promoting access to, and increased consumption of, fruits and vegetables.
- Collaboration with other members of the community.
- Identification of at least one desired outcome.
- Measurable outcomes and a description of the assessment methods to be used with a specific target audience. (Examples: surveys, tracking of fruit/veggie consumption, tracking number of individuals impacted, etc)
- Address what sustainable action steps will be taken in order to make policy and environmental changes that influence access to and /or promotion of locally grown fruits and vegetables.
- Clear description of how the mini-grant funds will be used.

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Projects must be completed and feedback forms returned by June 30, 2007. The grant amount can be used for gardening supplies, printing/mailing costs, nutrition education supplies and materials, etc. Food can be purchased with these funds only as part of the nutrition education component. Receipts are not needed. *Please type or print. Attach additional pages if needed.*

Title of Project:
Organization Name:
Organization's Tax ID
(Because these mini-grants involve a State agency, the tax ID is <i>required</i> for review of the application and any disbursement of funds.)

1. Project Plan (please describe in detail the project components, involvement of the community, school and/or parents, etc.):

2. Target Audience and approximate participation numbers:
 Desired Outcome (What do you specifically want to accomplish with this project?):
4. Evaluation Plan (How will outcomes be measured, what method of assessment will be used, etc.?):

5. Describe what sustainable action steps will be taken in order to make policy and environmental changes that influence access to and /or promotion of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Examples may include:
Preparing a garden plot and purchasing gardening tools that can be used year after year.
Constructing a small greenhouse for starting seedlings and/or growing food all year.
Working with parents, youth, local growers and others to establish a policy and procedure for obtaining and serving locally-grown fruits and vegetables at your institution.
6. How much money is requested (up to \$1000) and how will the mini-grant funds be used?
Organization Name:
Contact:
Address:
City/ZIP: Daytime Phone Number:
If awarded, I verify that the funds from this mini-grant will be used specifically to fund the <i>5 A Day</i> nutrition project for our organization as detailed in this application. Our organization will return the funds if the project cannot be implemented. I will ensure that a summary report of the project will be returned to Lynn Hellenga, MT Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, by June 30, 2007.
Signature of Contact Date